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SUBJECT: LA SPEZIA'S TOP LEFTIST ADMINISTRATORS FOUND GUILTY
IF CORRUPTION

1. ON MARCH 14, JUDGE RODOLFO ATTINA' OF THE LOWER COURT OF LA SPEZIA FOUND LA SPEZIA COMMUNIST (PCI) MAYOR ALDO GIACCHE' AND HIS SOCIALIST (PSI) DEPUTY MAYOR CESARE GODANO GUILTY OF ILLEGAL LOTTING. HE SENTENCED THEM EACH TO 3 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT AND 1 MILLION LIRE FINE. SENTENCE, HOWEVER, WAS SUSPENDED FOR TWO YEARS.
2. THE TWO CITY ADMINISTRATORS WERE ACQUITTED OF THE OTHER CHARGES OF ILLEGAL LICENSING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE APARTMENT BUILDINGS ON A CITY LOT, AND ABUSIVE USE OF OFFICIAL AUTHORITY. FOUR OTHER PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE CASE WERE ALSO FOUND GUILTY AND EACH SENTENCED TO 45 DAYS IMPRISONMENT AND 1.5 MILLION LIRE FINE.

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3. THE LIGURIAN PCI/PSI REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION PROMPTLY CRITICIZED THE LA SPEZIA COURT DECISION AND CAME TO THE DEFENSE OF THEIR LA SPEZIA COLLEAGUES. ALL TO NO AVAIL, SO FAR, ON THE COURT VERDICT OR ON PUBLIC OPINION.

COMMENT: ILLEGAL DEALS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR BEDEVILLED
FORMER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC-LED ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE PAST
AND CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR REPLACEMENT BY THE COMMUNIST-
SOCIALIST LEFT AFTER THE 1975 LOCAL ELECTIONS. WHAT
HAPPENED IN LA SPEZIA --COUPLED WITH OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS
ELSEWHERE-- INDICATES THAT THE LEFT'S FAME AND SELF-APPRAISAL
FOR "CLEAN HANDS" MAY BE SOMEWHAT EXAGGERATED.DISCIULLO

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